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SUBJECT: 62D ECOSOC--HUMAN RIGHTS

1. AT ITS RECENT SESSION THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ENTITLED "QUESTION OF THE REALIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, AND STUDY OF SPECIAL PROBLEMS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" (RESOLUTION 4(XXXIII)). DEPT WILL RECALL THAT THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE BUT THE US DELEGATION NOTED THAT ITS ABSTENTION SHOULD BE MADE A MATTER OF RECORD. OUR ABSTENTION WAS BASED ON OBJECTIONS TO OPERATIVE PARA 1 IN PARTICULAR. WE ALSO QUESTIONED THE MEANING OF OPERATIVE PARA 4 WHICH RECOMMENDS THAT ECOSOC INVITE THE SYG IN COOPERATION WITH UNESCO AND THE OTHER COMPETENT SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY ON THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS OF THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT.

2. THE FRG HAD STRONG RESERVATIONS ON OPERATIVE PARA 4 AND PLANS TO SEEK AN AMENDMENT TO THE RECOMMENDATION

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WHICH ECOSOC WOULD MAKE TO THE SYG. THIS IS THE ONLY PORTION OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH REQUIRES ACTION BY ECOSOC. THE FRG PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE IN LIEU OF THAT RECOMMENDED IN OPERATIVE PARA 4:

"INVITES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN COOPERATION WITH UNESCO AND THE OTHER COMPETENT SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, TO

UNDERTAKE A STUDY ON THE SUBJECT 'THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL DIMENSIONS OF THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT AS A HUMAN RIGHT IN RELATION WITH OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS BASED ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO PEACE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE RESOLUTIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, IN PARTICULAR ARTICLES 2, 6, 11 AND 13, AND THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN NEEDS,' AND TO MAKE THIS STUDY AVAILABLE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT ITS THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION,".

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE FRG CONSIDERS THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER THE NATIONAL AS WELL AS THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS OF THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT SO THAT THE STUDY DOES NOT RESULT IN A FORM OF ECOSOC CONDEMNATION OF THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE OR OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.
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